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LP The UN's climate agenda threatens not only nationhood and freedom, but also religion. The UN's religion, on full display at the climate conference in Egypt, should alarm all people of faith.

SINAI, EGYPT - Faith leaders of the world, unite! That was the message of self-styled representatives of major religions gathered on the Sinai Peninsula for the United Nations "climate" summit, a historic event infused with pagan and New Age spirituality from the moment attendees got off their CO2spewing airplanes.

TD The religious nature of the UN "Conference of the Parties 27" (COP27) was embedded into practically everything. Giant posters reading "Welcome to Egypt: The Dawn of Conscience," featuring the Egyptian Sun god's symbols in the official COP27 logo, greeted travelers arriving at the airport. In the center of the posters was a bizarre message from "The Declaration of Innocence Before Being Judged Before the Scale of Ma'at and Entering the Afterlife," a pagan Egyptian document supposedly written more than 4,000 years ago. It included, among other messages about sin, "I have not polluted the water or the earth."

Critics and prominent skeptical scientists such as MIT meteorology professor emeritus Richard Lindzen have long ridiculed man-made global-warming alarmism as a religious movement and even a "cult." There is good reason for it. ThenUN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) boss Rajendra Pachauri famously declared in 2015, "For me the protection of Planet Earth, the survival of all species and sustainability of our ecosystems is more than a mission. It is my religion and my dharma."

The warning signs have been around for decades (see William F. Jasper's article on page 13). UN climate czarina Christiana Figueres opened the 2010 COP summit with a prayer to Ixchel - the Mayan goddess of cannibalism, human sacrifice, and war - claiming that the goddess was associated with "creativity." In 2012, the famous Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro was lit up by green lights for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. Lord Christopher Monckton, who served as science advisor to U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, told The New American it was "a kind of childish message that the environmental religion is now replacing Christianity."

Many other UN events and figures have offered similar clues. But never before this latest UN summit has the alarmist movement so openly and frequently invoked faith and spirituality in the fight against what leaders ranging from Joe Biden to UN Secretary-General António Guterres called the looming "climate hell" - a dystopian future of hurricanes, floods, and droughts supposedly awaiting humanity if people refuse to repent and submit to drastic new controls over their behavior.

There were dozens of "religious" events during the UN conference. And countless religious leaders weighed in. "I hope that steps forward are taken with courage and determination, in the footsteps of the Paris Accords," Pope Francis said in his remarks about COP27, referring to the 2015 UN agreement that would see the United States and other Western nations slash CO2 emissions and sabotage their economies - even as Communist China's CO2 emissions and economic growth keep surging.

The Roman Catholic leader, author of the infamous enviro-encyclical Laudato Si promoting globalism and environmentalism, also celebrated his "Laudato Si Action Platform," released a year ago, which he said "promotes ecological conversion and lifestyles consistent with it."

The pope described it as a "journey aimed at responding to the cry of the earth." "I encourage this crucial mission for the future of humanity, so that it may foster in everyone a concrete commitment to care for Creation," the increasingly controversial pontiff added as COP27 was taking place.

In the United Kingdom, top religious leaders spoke out too. "The climate emergency is an existential global threat that requires a global response, with radical action," said Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who serves as leader of the Church of England, about COP27 before wildly abusing Scripture. "God calls us to embrace justice. Christian scripture describes how we share in the 'renewed creation of heaven and earth with justice' (2 Peter 3:13). Let justice flow so that we see human lives and hope restored, and the life of the earth itself protected and renewed."

Ten Commandments

Amid the cacophony of important events, discussions, schemes, and grandiose policy proposals to reshape civilization at the 27th annual UN "climate change" summit, the religious agenda stood out as far more significant. It has been in the works for many decades, of course, as readers of this magazine know well. But the public emergence of a new and supposedly improved system of morality and ethics, unAlex derpinned by the growing global alliance of religious leaders and movements, is now coming out of the closet.

Some of it was almost surreal. As tens of thousands of political and business leaders from around the world gathered on the Sinai Peninsula for the UN summit, self-proclaimed religious leaders - from pagans and Muslims to Christians and Jews - walked up what is said to be Mount Sinai (some scholars say the biblical Mount Sinai is likely in Saudi Arabia) with green tablets described as the new "Ten Commandments." The assembled faithful launched the "Sinai Climate Partnership" and kicked it all off with a "climate repentance" spectacle, with the figures purporting to represent various religions repenting of their carbon-dioxide emissions and other environmental "sins."

Then, "green energy" grifter Yosef Abramowitz - described in glowing media reports as a "solar entrepreneur" - smashed the tablets as if he were Moses. "We look down to Sharm el-Sheikh and we're not satisfied," intoned Abramowitz, referring to the resort town where climate dignitaries, activists, and journalists, along with over 125 heads of state and government, were meeting to supposedly save the world.

"The political leadership of the world has not come through on climate until now," he fumed. "It's the 27th gathering of world leaders, and things are just getting worse. We are calling on faith leaders to add to the sense of urgency and to have them weigh in, hopefully forcefully and globally, to push for the reduction by 50 percent, at least, of global warming emissions by 2030. Reducing emissions so gradually is immoral at this point."

Critics were appalled at the spectacle. "Did Abramowitz, a Jewish man, recognize the irony in his action?" wondered the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation's Dr. Calvin Beisner, who specializes in theology and environmental issues. "Moses smashed the stone tablets in anger at the Israelites' apostasy from the faith of Yahweh, their God, who had delivered them from slavery in Egypt. Their worshiping the idol was syncretistic, trying to weave together the religion of Yahweh and the polytheistic religion of Egypt. But the Sinai Climate Partnership is nothing if it is not a syncretistic wedding of modern Judaism with other religions."

Dr. Beisner, whose Christian ministry approaches environmental issues from a biblical perspective, told The New American that the principles were so vague that anyone without serious religious convictions could embrace them - regardless of where they stood on the climate-change debate. He also highlighted Abramowitz's green-energy ventures, noting that if an oil company CEO had hosted such a publicity stunt, the media would have screamed about the conflict of interest. Abramowitz also studied under socialist "historian" Howard Zinn, Beisner observed.

"I'm not saying all the religious leaders involved in the Sinai Climate Partnership are socialists (though one suspects most are) or bring to their action the same conflict of interest Abramowitz does as president of a solar energy company," added Beisner. "But what I am saying is that they were duped into putting their religious imprimaturs onto an event the real purpose of which was anything but Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu. Its real purpose was to further the socialist goals of the climate-alarmist movement while furthering the financial aims of its prime mover. And its relevance to climate alarmism and actual stewardship of the Earth is approximately zero."

The new Ten Commandments, reframed as an "addendum" to help bring about "Heaven on Earth" with a "Third Covenant," are vague and sometimes pantheistic. They include statements such as "creation is not our possession";

"we recognize human responsibility to love and protect nature"; "Creation is not simply external to God. It is, in significant ways, permeated by God's presence and being"; "We must care for each other and the planet"; "we are responsible for the wellbeing of all life today"; "a disciplined spiritual life is helpful in overcoming the challenges of climate change"; "Change our inner climate"; "Compassion means suffering with others - to feel the pain of the earth," and much more.

From London and New York City to Jerusalem and Calcutta, "religious leaders" gathered in cities worldwide as part of the festivities. Many more would have been at "Mount Sinai," except the Egyptian government refused to permit it. But while major religious figures from all sorts of traditions celebrated the controversial events, plenty of critics were appalled at what they referred to as blasphemy and sacrilege.

Prominent journalist Leo Hohmann, a Christian, noted that projecting the "agenda of evil globalist predators" through the ceremonies and new commandments represents "major blasphemy in action on the part of these fake faith leaders."

"Climate hysteria, i.e. Earth worship, is a key component of the coming one-world religion and we're seeing it on full display in Egypt this week at the United Nations COP 27 climate conference," added Hohmann, pointing to the conference logo and the ceremony.

The architects of the religious events were surprised by the fierce backlash, they told The New American in an exclusive 38-minute interview at the UN summit the following day. James Sternlicht, who as CEO of the Peace Department served as one of the main organizers, walked back some of the messaging. "We're not trying to replace the Ten Commandments, but that's not obvious," he said, acknowledging problems with their "communications." But then he doubled down.

"One conduit for reaching millions and billions of people around the world is religion," Sternlicht said, adding that the alliance would be "working on activating houses of worship in communities around the world to engage in climate action."

"With a new kind of Ten Commandments of climate change - which are an addendum to, not a replacement for, the original Ten Commandments - and a Third Covenant that we're kind of working on between mankind and creation, that we would refocus on those elements of the teachings from across religions that point us in the direction of fixing the problems that we've created," he continued, "so that we can build that real Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth."

Another one of the ringleaders, Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development chief Rabbi Yonatan Neril, also had some very unorthodox takes on Scripture, many of which he outlined in his Eco Bible being distributed worldwide. Speaking to The New American, he misquoted Genesis and claimed God put "the human being" in the Garden of Eden "to serve it and conserve it," wording that is not found in any major translation of the Scriptures.

Echoing Great Reset-style rhetoric being heard at major international gatherings, Rabbi Neril claimed humanity needs a drastic reset of the systems of life and civilization. "We need to change the operating system that humanity generated and is degrading God's creation," he claimed. "By doing that we will address the symptoms of the problem and manifest a new earth."

To make that a reality, religious leaders and people must be brought on board. "Leveraging" so-called faith communities to "move the needle on climate advocacy is a deeply needed and worthwhile effort," the controversial rabbi said. "While the national political culture is so divided, faith is this common ground that can soften the boundaries and open hearts and minds.... The solutions to our ecological crisis are spiritual solutions because the roots of our ecological crisis are spiritual roots.. Religion and religious clergy and leaders need to be the delivery vehicle for climate action," added Neril.

UN World Religion

The UN also played a key role in the events and the broader effort to leverage the religions of the world into service of the UN agenda. The UN "Faith for Earth Initiative," with its tagline "religion uniting for the planet," has long been active in recruiting religious leaders into the movement. "Eighty-five percent of the world population believe in a faith or a religion, and the power of that is humongous," said UN Faith for Earth Initiative Director Iyad Abumoghli in

explaining the scheme's raison d'etre. "We can harness that in mobilizing faith leaders and faith followers in protecting the Earth."

"One of the main objectives of the Faith for Earth Initiative is to strategically engage with faith-based organizations (FBOs) and mobilize faith leaders and the faith community in an effective partnership to collectively achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and fulfil the objectives of the 2030 Agenda," the UN agency said about its religious outreach, referring to the controversial UN Agenda 2030 that UN leaders called the "masterplan for humanity."

Two years ago, the UN outfit even released a book, Faith for Earth - A Call for Action, claiming that the world's religions basically agree with the UN's environmental agenda. And its mission is very simple: "To encourage, empower and engage with faith-based organizations as partners, at all levels, toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and fulfilling the 2030 Agenda." The agency partners with the Parliament of the World's Religions and other UN-backed groups working to unify the world's religious movements under the UN banner.

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has also been highly active in accomplishing that. Last summer, it brought together the World Council of Churches (WCC), the Muslim Council of Elders, and the New York Board of Rabbis to sign the "Climate-Responsible Finance - A moral imperative and responsibility to all children and the living world" calling on all banks to line up behind the UN agenda. UN boss Guterres, former leader of the Socialist International, celebrated "this important faith-based initiative," noting that "people, communities and organizations of faith have the influence needed to effect this transition.

The New American repeatedly asked UNEP boss Inger Andersen, who participated in some of the religious ceremonies, for comment at the COP27, but she and her handlers insisted every time that Andersen had no time, partly because she needed to go participate in one of the religious events at the UN conference.

Aside from that UNEP initiative is the broader "UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development" (UN IATF-R), which aims to connect all tentacles of the UN with "faith-based/inspired civil society actors." The goal is "engaging faith-based organizations and networks" in pursuing the UN agenda. Among other activities, it has promoted "Faith in the UN" conferences and is becoming increasingly successful in having the UN agenda advanced by religious leaders and organizations.

Another key organizer of the new Ten Commandments festivities was the selfproclaimed "Elijah Board of World Religious Leaders," an outfit that claims it "brings together some of the world's most prominent religious figures from Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism and the Religions of India." The group has deep ties to the UN. Indeed, the Elijah Interfaith Institute is an official "partner" of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Taxpayers around the world also help fund the outfit through the UN and other sources.

Beyond the UN, the organization's sponsors include the far-left globalist Carnegie Fund, the New Age spiritualitypeddling Fetzer Institute, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, a member of the infamous Bronfman family, and other tax-exempt mega-foundations. In the description of its "Religious Genius" grant for the Elijah Interfaith Institute, the John Templeton Foundation notes that the goal of the funding is "to change the discourse, views and attitudes of different religious communities."

Another religious event that took place at COP27 was organized by Religions for Peace, a powerful UN-backed group bringing together world religious leaders that until recently was led by a member of the CFR. Dubbed "Realizing Ambition Through Ethical, Intergenerational and Multisectoral Responses to Climate Crises," the UN COP27 side event attracted prominent government and religious leaders to emphasize the importance of using religion to aid in global transformation.

"The question is not whether religions should be engaged, the question is how? There are two important things to keep in mind: this meeting is important, the other forty faith-based meetings [during COP27] are important; what's even more important is how these religious actors can come together to invest in each other's ability to do effective programs and initiatives," said Secretary General of Religions for Peace Azza Karam, who previously worked at the population-control agency UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

Government leaders agreed. Speaking at the same event, Vanuatu Special Envoy on Climate Change Bakoa Kaltongga argued that "without centralizing our actions around the human values and the harmonizing between science and religions, our actions will only lead to unsustainable and destructive developments."

Religious leaders echoed those views. Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam, senior representative of "His Eminence Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders, and copresident, Religions for Peace," spoke about how "all heavenly religions, including Islam, have affirmed through the speeches of religious figures around the world, that it is necessary to protect the Earth, our common home, and to maintain its harmony and balance."

New Ethics and Morality

Even the secular arms of the UN were openly calling for a new system of morality and ethics to replace the old ones, which apparently are no longer adequate for canng for Mother Earth. In a report by the UN Development Program (UNDP) for COP27, dubbed "Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping Our Future in a Transforming World," the UN agency made the secular call for a new moral order explicit and transparent.

"Evolutionary processes and ethical reasoning may have interacted in reaching the current prevailing configurations of behaviors and institutions," the UN report explains. "But today's uncertain times have novel elements that present fundamentally new challenges, and those configurations may not be a good match." (Emphasis added.) Basically, the original Ten Commandments delivered to Moses by the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth are not just obsolete, but contribute to the supposed "climate emergency."

The implications of this are extraordinary. "In other words, ethics evolved from a past evolutionary stage of human history, and due to modern exigencies should be abandoned as obsolete," explained ethicist Daniel Natal, host of The Daniel Natal Show, after reviewing the UN document. "In the vacuum created by the deletion of ethics, a new moral code can be uploaded."

This seems to be what the UN is seeking. "Uncertainty itself can be a source of knowledge to be mobilized to act differently, something that empowers individuals and societies to adopt fundamental changes in choices, that leads people to act according to new moral codes and that can enhance cooperation when it gives more salience to thinking about the future," the UNEP report states, as if adopting a new moral code were as simple as getting new shoes to replace old ones.

The Three-legged Stool for UN Transformation

The plan for restructuring the world under the guise of saving mankind from climate change, known as Agenda 2030, was adopted by the UN in 2015. UN General Assembly boss Peter Thomson described it at the time as the "masterplan for humanity." The roadmap for global tyranny comes complete with 17 "Sustainable Development Goals" to govern and reshape every area of life on "Mother Earth."

The UN already got all of its nearly 200 member governments on board with the program, which the regime in Communist China played a "crucial role" in creating, according to Chinese Communist Party (CCP) propaganda organs. The Great Reset-peddling World Economic Forum, meanwhile, signed a "strategic partnership" with the UN to bring the global business community in line on imposing the UN agenda upon humanity. Megabanks around the world, working with the UN, are working to force it on firms large and small. That means business and government are firmly on the bandwagon.

One key sector was missing, though. Late management guru Peter Drucker, who mentored business tycoons and politicians as well as religious figures such as American megachurch pastor Rick Warren (CFR), outlined his vision of a threelegged stool for bringing about major changes. The first leg is government, or the "public sector." The second leg is business, also known as the "private sector." Finally, the third leg is the "social" sector, primarily religious institutions and, to a lesser extent, "civil society" and nongovernmental organizations.

Pope Francis was one of the early advocates for Agenda 2030, even speaking at the UN General Assembly about the importance of the global scheme. But Catholics represent only slightly more than one billion people, leaving some seven billion adherents of other faiths out of the fold. As such, many UN-backed religious alliances and

networks are working to conscript the rest of the "third leg" so the stool can be complete. They are making great progress.

In the effort to transform society under the UN's Agenda 2030, Religions for Peace and its financial backers - the UN, the U.S. State Department, George Soros, the Rockefellers, and more - brought about 1,000 religious representatives to Germany in 2019 to promote the scheme at the 10th World Assembly. Participants agreed to create an "Alliance of Virtue" in which all the religions unite by focusing on "virtues shared widely across religious traditions and other virtue heritages."

In their final declaration, the religious leaders agreed to "urge religious communities to invest their resources in alignment with achieving the SDGs." They also called for the UN agenda, rather than their own sacred texts such as the Bible, to guide human development. "We commit to human development as set forth in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," the agreement declares, adding that signatories will "advocate for government policies" in line with the UN's climate vision.

The third leg is solidifying rapidly. Drucker disciple Rick Warren, founder of the gigantic Saddleback Church in California and a member of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations, has had a cozy relationship with the UN and globalism for many years. In fact, in 2005, he spoke at UN headquarters to encourage delegates and world leaders to come together to help the poor, traditionally seen by Christians as the duty of individual believers rather than the role of civil government.

Warren's so-called P.E.A.C.E. plan, which stands for "Promote reconciliation - Equip servant leaders - Assist the poor - Care for the sick - Educate the next generation," aims to involve "every Christian and every church in every nation" in the effort. But it has faced strong criticism. And while it is ostensibly Christian, Warren himself has indicated it goes beyond that. "We'll work with everyone who wants to help," he said. "I'll work with an atheist who wants to stop AIDS."

Warren has also fueled suspicion about what critics referred to as his efforts to fuse Islam and Christianity as if they shared the same basic beliefs. Indeed, Warren partnered with Islamic leaders in California to come up with a set of common "theological principles" that include the claim that Christians and Muslims worship the same God, an idea that Christian and Islamic theologians have rejected. While Warren rejects accusations of promoting "Chrislam," many have expressed deep concerns.

Just Say No

The New American magazine has been documenting the accelerating UN push to unify and weaponize the world's religions for decades. Over 20 years ago, Senior Editor William F. Jasper wrote about the would-be New World Religion in these pages. Even then, globalists made the agenda clear. "My hope is that this charter will be a kind of Ten Commandments, a 'Sermon on the Mount,' that provides a guide for human behavior toward the environment in the next century and beyond," former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev said as governments gathered to advance the UN's Earth Charter.

Top UN leaders' own forays into religious issues are beyond troubling. Many were and continue to be disciples of Lucifer Publishing Company founder Alice Bailey, who claimed to be communicating with "Ascended Master" spirits giving her critical insights into the coming New Age and one-world government. Assistant UN Secretary General Robert Muller was one of those disciples, as well as the author of the radical World Core Curriculum that famously got him called the "father of global education."

At the urging of Intercessors for America, a Christian prayer group, thousands of Christians prayed to expose the "dangerous lie" behind the "Counterfeit Climate 'Repentance' Ceremonies." "Lord Jesus, we know that You are the one holding this planet in the palm of your hands - not the United Nations, and not the climate alarmists - JUST YOU!" they prayed. "Please open the eyes of the religious leaders who have been drawn into this web of lies called climate change, and show them the truth."

In comments to The New American, former senior environmental official for Canada-turned-whistleblower Sheila Zilinsky said the "eco-friendly death cult" was "deliberately hatched decades ago as the basis for a diabolical political agenda that has nothing at all to do with science or the environment." Zilinsky, author of the 2015 book Green

Gospel: The New World Religion, said the cult leaders targeted CO2 "because it is the God-given natural and necessary byproduct of the activity that sustains human life." Going "carbon neutral" is "literally suicide," she said, calling the cult leaders "anti-human, antifamily and anti-Christ." If they get their global "climate" regime, it will usher in "hell on earth," she added.

The principles and moral truths in the Ten Commandments delivered to Moses by God have been the foundation for every advanced and civilized society in human history. Moral laws such as "thou shalt not murder," "thou shalt not steal," "thou shalt not bear false witness," and "thou shalt not commit adultery" are essential to individual liberty, prosperity, peace, and security. The effort to replace or even add to those has been widely regarded with suspicion and outright hostility around the globe.

Ultimately, the significance of this push for a new moral code and a unification of the world's religions cannot be overstated. Under the guise of "saving Mother Earth" from humanity's "climate sins," the Bible - believed to be God's Word by Christians, and the foundation of Western civilization - is under direct attack. Don't drink the Kool-Aid, and don't let others drink it, either! *

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